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1. IN DISCUSSION WITH CONSULAR POLITICAL ASSISTANT ON NOV
30, GOVERNOR SORN SUTHISAN OF SAKON NAKHON SAID THE DISTRICT
OFFICER OF PHU PHAN DISTRICT (FORMER KUT BAK) REPORTED THAT
ABOUT 2 WEEKS BEFORE THE REGISTRATION OF CANDIDATES TO RUN FOR
PARLIAMENT, SEVERAL GROUPS OF ARMED CT'S HAD ENTERED VILLAGES
IN A REMOTE AREA OF PHU PHAN DISTRICT, CALLED A MEETING, AND
INSTRUCTED THE VILLAGERS TO VOTE FOR THE CANDIDATE WHO HAS THE
LAST NAME "SIRIKHAN".

2. THE GOVERNOR SAID, AS OF NOV 29, 1974, THE PROVINCE HAD
REGISTERED TWO CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO PARLIAMENT WITH
THE LAST NAME "SIRIKHAN".

3. MR. SATHAP SIRIKAHN A FORMER MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT (MP) AND
A MEMBER OF NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (NLA) IS RUNNING ON
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THE SOCIAL JUSTICE PARTY TICKET IN THE FIRST ELECTORAL ZONE.

THE FIRST ELECTORAL ZONE DOES NOT INCLUDE PHU PHAN DISTRICT.

4. MR. PRATIP SIRIKHAN OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY OF THAILAND IS RUNNING THE SECOND ELECTORAL ZONE. THIS ZONE INCLUDES PHANG KHON, MUANG, PHU PHAN, AND KUSUMAN DISTRICTS.

5. NOTE

THIS IS THE FIRST INSTANCE WE'VE HEARD OF, OF CT INVOLVEMENT IN THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS FOR PARLIAMENT. FURTHER, TIENG SIRIKHAN WAS A WELL-KNOWN MEMBER OF THE SERI THAI MOVEMENT DURING WW 11 FROM SAKON NAKHON. SPECULATION HAS IT THAT TIENG, A LEFTIST, WAS EXECUTED BY POLICE GENERAL PHAO SIYANON IN THE MID-1950'S.

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